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Completion of work of Pathiramanal, Kerala

3156. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for the development of Pathiramanal;

(b) if so, whether the approval has since been accorded; and

(c) the funds have since been allocated for the work of tourist resort?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. On the request of Government of Kerala, the Central Department of Tourism have agreed to extend financial assistance for construction of an Island Resort at Pathiramanal during 1991–92. The complete project proposal alongwith detailed estimates is awaited from the State Government.

Broadcast of Regional Bulletin

3157. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the number of regional bulletins broadcast from Delhi, in comparison to the increased number of Hindi and English news bulletins; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Air Service to Shillong

3159. SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the Indian Airlines service to Shillong; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Aluminium Plants in Eighth Plan

3160. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up new Aluminium plants particularly mini–aluminium plants during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the States where these plants are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether any aluminium plant is proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the location of those plants and the capacity therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, National Aluminium Company (in the

Public Sector) has a proposal to expand the capacity of their existing Aluminium Smelter at Angul in Orissa.

(c) No, Sir. Government do not have any such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Arrears of Electricity charges Due from State Electricity Boards

3161. SHR D. PANDIAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the payment of electricity charges due to the Government from the State Governments;

(b) the names of the States which are in arrears and also the amount due from them to the power generating centre such as NLC, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details of arrears payable by State Governments to the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Change in Telephone Numbers in Delhi

3162. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone numbers are being frequently changed in Delhi; and

(b) if so, how many changes have taken place during the last three years indicating expenditure incurred on advertisements of these changes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) In the fast developing telephone network in Delhi, the telephone numbers are required to be changed as and when a new exchange is established by carving out its area from the existing exchange areas an absolute technical necessity.

(b) During the last three years, i.e., 1988–89, 1989–90 and 1990–91, the telephone numbers have to be changed six times, 11 times and 14 times respectively. The expenditure incurred on advertisement for intimating the public for change of numbers during these three years was Rs. 2,52,605, Rs. 18,32,061 and Rs. 23,15,700 respectively.

Introduction of Boeing 747 from Delhi to Imphal

3163. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for introduction of Boeing 747 service from Delhi to Imphal via Gauhati;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) B–747 aircraft is available only in the fleet of Air–India. For operational and commercial reasons introduction of B–747 service to Imphal is not a feasible proposition.